

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

REMOTE MEETING

March 14, 2022

Present: Ms. Kate Bowen, Policy Subcommittee Chair
Ms. Meghan Moriarty
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent

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BELMONT, MA**

DATE: March 29, 2022
TIME: 8:58 AM

Called to order at 12:02 PM

1. Minutes - none
2. Policy 6014 - Updates

Kate Bowen showed the language for review specific to how/who communicates religious observances and subsequent homework needs to teachers. This is specific to grade level with HS students communicating it themselves and younger students having a parent/guardian for support.

Motion by Kate Bowen that Policy 6014 with suggested revisions go before the full School Committee for a vote. Second by Meg Moriarty. (2-0-0)

3. Policy 7003 - Updates

Meg Moriarty provided an explanation for the suggested revisions to the Dedication of Building and Facilities Policy, specifically the need to add language inclusive of the diverse school community and the need to provide a transparent and equitable process.

Kate asked whether there is consideration for how the public can provide feedback anonymously. There was some discussion about public participation, open meeting law, and the SC Policy around anonymous concerns.

Motion by Kate Bowen that Policy 7003 with suggested revisions go before the full School Committee for a vote. Second by Meg Moriarty. (2-0-0)

4. MASC policy services

The committee discussed the MASC policy services including review and hosting. They heard from Dorothy Presser from the MASC last meeting. These services may be of benefit given the recommendation of the equity audit to review all policies through an equity lens. There were some questions about the process and timeline, both typical and feasible. Kate will follow up with MASC and present that information to the full SC.

Motion by Kate Bowen to recommend to the SC to consider three options of working with MASC policy services for the purposes of updating the policy manual and responding to the district's equity goals. Second by Meg Moriarty (2-0-0).

Kate noted that hosting is not something that the SC needs to discuss immediately.

5. Equity audit recommendations

The committee discussed working with MASC and legal counsel when amending any language in their policies. This discussion will continue after the recommendations from the equity audit are clear and can be discussed with the full SC. Kate will suggest dates for future meetings based on SC feedback.

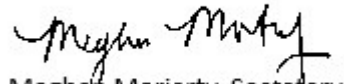
6. Public Comment

Corey Spaulding - Identified herself as a Whistleblower from Natick/Framingham and asked for confirmation that the Belmont School Committee votes/approves and records the amount of grants: federal, state and private per minutes including private grants in the amounts of over \$200,000 annually from the FBE and other sources. She noted that she will speak at future meetings.

Next Meeting - March 28, 2022

Adjourn at 12:48 am

Respectfully Submitted by:


Meghan Moriarty, Secretary